

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
BUREAU OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND DISEASE CONTROL SERVICES
SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT
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Deferral of 10 year Td requirement until October 31, 2005

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The purpose of this substantive policy statement is to notify schools and the public that the enforcement of the 10 year Td requirement is delayed until October 31, 2005, to allow for the use of the new Tetanus Diphtheria acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine in place of the Td vaccine.

On May 19, 2005, the Department declared a statewide pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak. One outbreak control strategy is to use the new Tdap vaccine for adolescents age 10 through 18 who are living in homes with infants less than one year of age and who received their last Diphtheria, Tetanus, and acellular Pertussis (DTaP); Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP); or Diphtheria and Tetanus (DT) vaccine at least five years ago. The current Td vaccine does not provide adolescents with protection from pertussis. The new Tdap vaccine does.

Currently, a student must receive a Td booster before school entry if 10 or more years have elapsed since their last dose of DTaP/DTP/DT. The Department is recommending that a student who is scheduled to receive the Td booster before the start of the 2005 school year receive the new Tdap vaccine. However, the Tdap vaccine is not scheduled to become available until late July 2005. In order to allow for the use of Tdap vaccine, the Department has deferred the 10 year Td requirement until October 31, 2005.

Students required to receive the Td booster will be able to receive the Tdap to provide immunity against pertussis. After October 31, 2005, a student will be required to submit proof of receipt of the Tdap or Td vaccine or may not be allowed to attend school until proof is submitted.

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